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4 (Amended) The method according to claim 13 wherein said composition  
additionally comprises pyruvate selected from the group consisting of sodium pyruvate, calcium  
pyruvate, magnesium pyruvate, potassium pyruvate, pyruvyl-creatine, pyruvyl-glycine,  
[pyruvamides] pyruvamines, pyruvyl-alanine, pyruvyl-glutamine, pyruvyl-leucine, pyruvyl-  
5 valine, pyruvyl-isoleucine, pyruvyl-phenylalanine, pyruvyl-proline, pyruvyl-sarcosine, their  
amides, esters and salts and mixtures thereof.

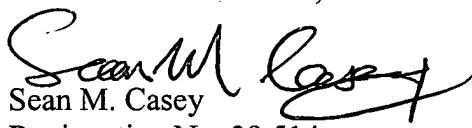
**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 26 are currently pending in this application. Applicant has withdrawn  
claims 1 - 8, 11 - 12, and 22 - 26 from consideration. Entry of the above amendments to the  
10 Specification and Claims is requested. The Examiner has indicated that the remaining claims,  
and Claim 14 as amended, are believed to be allowable over the art of record and an early notice  
of allowance is requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney in the event that any  
further amendments are required to place the application in condition for an early allowance.

15 Respectfully submitted,

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